

REMARKS

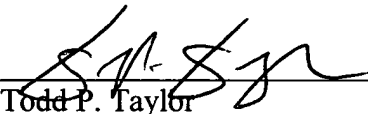
Claims 1-26 have been cancelled. Claims 27-30 remain in this application. The foregoing amendments are being made to place the application in condition for examination. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be an **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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